

REMARKS

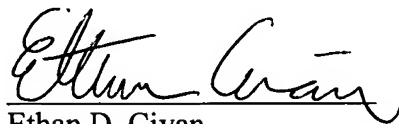
This amendment is filed in response to the Office Action mailed June 1, 2006. A petition for a three month extension of time to reply under 35 U.S.C. §1136(a) accompanies this amendment. This reply is therefore timely.

Claims 1-27 are currently pending. The Examiner rejected claims 1-8, 15, 19, 22, and 23. The Examiner allowed claims 24-27. The Examiner objected to claims 9-14, 16-18, 20, and 21 as depending from rejected base claims.

Claims 1-8, 15, 19, 22, and 23 have been cancelled. Claims 9-14, 16-18, 20, and 21 have been rewritten to include the limitations of the rejected base claims. New claims 28-38 all depend from claim 24, which was previously indicated to be allowable. They should therefore be allowable as well.

For the reasons set forth above, the applicants believe that claims 9-14, 16-18, 20, 21, and 24-38 are allowable over the prior art of record and request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued.

Respectfully Submitted,



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